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SUBJ: CUBAN FUGITIVE REPORTEDLY IN SPAIN

1. JOSE FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO, ONE OF SEVERAL VICE-MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, CALLED ME IN THIS AFTERNOON (AUGUST 9) TO INFORM ME THAT CUBAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAVE UNVERIFIED REPORT THAT JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL IS CURRENTLY IN SPAIN. ACCORDING TO FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO, SUAREZ ESQUIVEL IS ONE OF THE CUBAN EXILES RECENTLY INDICTED BY U.S. GRAND JURY IN THE ORLANDO LETELIER ASSASSINATION CASE. FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO COMMENTED ONLY THAT SUAREZ IS A DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL WHO SHOULD NOT BE RUNNING AROUND LOOSE, AND THAT GOC HOPES THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL TO USG.

2. ON CLOSER QUESTIONING, FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO REAFFIRMED THAT CUBANS HAVE NO RPT NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS AT THIS TIME. HE PROMISED TO PASS ON ANYTHING THEY RECEIVE. WHEN ASKED WHETHER WE MIGHT MENTION GOC AS SOURCE IN ANY APPROACH WE MAKE TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT, VICE-MINISTER SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD ALSO INFORMED THE SPANISH EMBASSY OF SAME REPORT THIS AFTERNOON. GOC, THEREFORE, HAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR REFERRING TO CUBAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS REGARD.

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3. I THANKED THE VICE-MINISTER FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID I WOULD RELAY IT IMMEDIATELY TO MY GOVERNMENT. I ALSO STRESSED THAT THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND IMPORTANT CASE, AND WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION GOC CAN PROVIDE.

4. COMMENT: CUBANS HAVE OF COURSE HAD A PROPAGANDA FIELD

DAY OVER LETELIER CASE AND ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT, BUT  
THEY ARE NO DOUBT SINCERELY INTERESTED IN APPREHENSION OF  
ANY DANGEROUS ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS.  
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